



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Senate Bill 24	Senate Amendment 1
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2003 Senate Bill 24 provides an exception to the law prohibiting discrimination in public places of accommodation to permit a fitness center whose facilities and services are intended for the exclusive use of persons of the same sex to provide the use of those facilities and services exclusively to persons of that sex.

Under the bill, “fitness center” is defined as:

An establishment that, *for profit*, provides as its primary purpose services or facilities that are purported to assist patrons in physical exercise, in weight control, or in figure development, including but not limited to a fitness center, studio, salon, or club. “Fitness center” does not include an organization solely offering training or facilities in an individual sport or a weight reduction center. [Emphasis added.]

Senate Amendment 1 changes the definition of fitness center in the original bill. Under Senate Amendment 1, “fitness center” is defined as:

An establishment, whether operated *for profit or not for profit*, that provides as its primary purpose services or facilities that are purported to assist patrons in physical exercise, in weight control, or in figure development. “Fitness center” does not include an organization solely offering training or facilities in an individual sport or a weight reduction center, as defined in s. 100.177 (1) (e). [Emphasis added.]

The effect of the amendment is to extend the exception created in Senate Bill 24 to not for profit fitness centers.

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1, offered by Senator Roessler, was adopted by the Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long-Term Care on March 6, 2003, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 2.

By a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 2, the committee recommended passage of Senate Bill 24, as amended, on that same date.

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